

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:15-cv-02940
Lopez v. Wal-Mart Stores Texas LLC**

**ORDER FOR CONFERENCE AND
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Counsel and all parties appearing *pro se* shall appear for an initial pretrial and scheduling conference before

JUDGE ALFRED H. BENNETT
on January 22, 2016 at 09:30 AM
at United States Courthouse
Courtroom 8B, 8th Floor
515 Rusk Avenue
Houston, Texas 77002

2. Counsel shall file with the clerk within fifteen days from receipt of this order a certificate listing all persons, associations of persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, affiliates, parent corporations, or other entities that are financially interested in the outcome of this litigation. If a group can be specified by a general description, individual listing is not necessary. Underline the name of each corporation whose securities are publicly traded. If new parties are added or if additional persons or entities that are financially interested in the outcome of the litigation are identified at any time during the pendency of this litigation, then each counsel shall promptly file an amended certificate with the clerk.
3. After the parties confer (in person or by telephone) as required by FED. R. CIV. P. 26(f), counsel and all parties appearing *pro se* shall prepare and file not less than 10 days before the conference a joint discovery/case management plan containing the information required on the attached form as required by FED. R. CIV. P. 26(f).
4. The court will enter a Docket Control Order and may rule on any pending motions at the conference.
5. Counsel and all parties appearing *pro se* who file or remove an action must serve a copy of this order with the summons and complaint or with the notice of removal.
6. Attendance by an attorney who has authority to bind each represented party is required at the conference.
7. Counsel and all parties appearing *pro se* shall discuss whether alternative dispute resolution is appropriate and at the conference advise the court of the results of their discussions.

8. Counsel and all parties appearing *pro se* will deliver to chambers copies of all instruments filed within 7 days of the conference and within 7 days of any future court hearing or conference. Unless this rule is complied with the court will not consider any instrument filed within 7 days of any court appearance.
9. FED. R. CIV. P. 4(m) requires defendant(s) to be served within 120 days after the filing of the complaint. The failure of plaintiff(s) to file proof of service within 120 days after the filing of the complaint may result in dismissal of this action by the court on its own initiative.
10. Counsel will deliver to chambers copies of all instruments filed under seal regardless of their length.
11. Failure to comply with this order may result in sanctions, including dismissal of the action and assessment of fees and costs.

By Order of the Court

Court Procedures: Information on the court's practices and procedures and how to reach court personnel may be obtained at the Clerk's website at www.txs.uscourts.gov or from the intake desk of the Clerk's office.